



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors  
County of Los Angeles  
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### ADOPTED

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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SECRETARY

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO  
THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO  
THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY, AND  
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT TO THE LOS  
ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS FOR  
THE ROOSEVELT TRAIL AND BLUFF ROAD MINI-PARK PROJECT  
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$300,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for a grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for improvements to an existing pedestrian trail and development of a mini-park expansion where Roosevelt Avenue meets the Rio Hondo Channel in the City of Montebello.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed Roosevelt Trail and Bluff Road Mini-Park Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304 and Classes 1, 3 and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves improvements to an existing facility, new construction of small structures, and minor alterations in the condition of land.
2. Allocate \$300,000 in Specified Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for a grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the Roosevelt Trail and Bluff Road Mini-Park Project.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, acting in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a \$300,000 grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the Roosevelt Trail and Bluff Road Mini-Park Project after the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority assigns its right to apply for the grant funds to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, if applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, the funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$300,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), for a grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for the Roosevelt Trail and Bluff Road Mini-Park Project.

The proposed Project consists of improvements to an existing pedestrian trail and development of a mini-park expansion adjacent to the Rio Hondo Channel, a tributary of the Los Angeles River, at Roosevelt Avenue in the City of Montebello. The pedestrian trail improvements include the purchase and installation of landscaping and irrigation along the path. The mini-park expansion includes the purchase and installation of trees, native plant landscaping, a bike rack, and signage. The total project cost is \$300,000 and is fully funded by Specified Excess Funds.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), which is the designated recipient of Specified Excess Funds for projects along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries, will assign its right to apply for the above \$300,000 in grant funds to LACC.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), acting in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award a grant to LACC and to administer the grant under the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects (Procedural Guide) previously approved by your Board only if applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement to follow California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions will further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities along the Rio Hondo Channel in the First Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of \$300,000 is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe

Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. MRCA and LACC have each met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for specified projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award the grant only if applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grants as well.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Roosevelt Trail and Bluff Road Mini-Park Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1, 3, and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves improvements to an existing facility, new construction of small structures, and minor alterations in the condition of land.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by your Board in 2009 only if applicable conditions of the grants have been met. The Grant Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District but are required for the enhancement of safe and accessible recreational opportunities along the Rio Hondo channel in the First Supervisorial District.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors